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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) There is at present no proposal to repair varies but the Public Works Department have decided to carry out certain repairs to the Vadakulam tank.

" (b) The estimate for repairs to the tank has been sanctioned under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme and the work will be taken up for execution shortly by the local officers, to whom the sanctioned estimate has been returned."

Criminal tribes in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1719 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the communities which were declared as criminal tribes in Tiruchirappalli district prior to 1947;

(b) the names of villages in Tiruchirappalli district where these communities live; and

(c) the criterion by which a particular community was declared a criminal tribe?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) A statement[a] giving the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The criterion in the law then in force was that a tribe should be addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" I know for certain that Thennur Padayachis and Padayachis of Udayarpalayam taluk were included in the list of criminal tribes maintained by the Government. On a previous occasion, on the floor of this House the then Minister for Law stated so. May I know why the glaring omission is found in this list? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have given an exhaustive list. I do not think I can add to it now."

Yarn for Co-operative Weavers' Societies.

* 1720 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether yarn is supplied to the Co-operative Weavers' Societies through the Provincial Co-operative Society, Madras; and

(b) if so, at what rate 20s, 40s and 60s are sold to the societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A statement[b] is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on page 770 infra.**

[b] **Printed as Appendix III on page 771 infra.**